

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 15, and 26 as set forth in the complete listing of all claims below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently Amended) A medical device for use within a body cavity, the medical device comprising:

an elongated body portion defining a lumen, said body portion comprising a proximal end, a distal end, a proximal portion, and a distal portion; and

a retention module disposed proximal to said proximal end of said elongated body portion, said retention module comprising a fixation element attached to the elongated body portion by a tether connector, wherein said fixation element is substantially buoyant relative to at least one body fluid.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said fixation element comprises a size and configuration that prohibits the passage of said fixation element from the lumen of the urinary bladder into the lumen of the ureter.
4. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said fixation element is a substantially planar spiral.
5. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said fixation element is a substantially helical spiral.
6. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said proximal portion of said elongated body portion is substantially more compressible than the other portions of said elongated body portion.

7. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of the retention modules.
8. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said tether connector is substantially elastic.
9. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said tether connector is substantially rigid.
10. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said distal portion of said elongated body portion comprises a planar spiral loop for retention in the renal pelvis.
11. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said elongated body portion is substantially rigid to prevent its deformation during insertion through the ureter.
12. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said elongated body portion defines a plurality of openings along its length.
13. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said fixation element is substantially spherical.
14. (Original) The medical device of claim 13 wherein the diameter of said fixation element is greater than the diameter of the lumen of the ureter.
15. (Currently Amended) A method of treating at least partial ureteral obstruction of a patient, comprising:
- a. providing a medical device comprising an elongated body portion defining a lumen, the body portion comprising a proximal end, a distal end, a proximal portion, and a distal portion, the medical device further comprising a retention module disposed proximal to said proximal end of the elongated body portion, said retention module comprising a fixation element attached to the elongated body portion by a tether connector, said fixation element being substantially buoyant relative to at least one body fluid; and

b. inserting the medical device into the patient such that said fixation element is positioned in the bladder of the patient.

16. (Canceled).
17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the fixation element comprises a size and configuration that prohibits the passage of said fixation element from the lumen of the urinary bladder into the lumen of the ureter.
18. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said device further comprises a plurality of the retention modules.
19. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said tether connector is substantially elastic.
20. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said tether connector is substantially rigid.
21. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said distal portion comprises a planar spiral loop for retention in the renal pelvis.
22. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said elongated body portion is substantially rigid to prevent its deformation during insertion through the ureter.
23. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said elongated body portion defines a plurality of openings along its length.
24. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said fixation element is substantially spherical.
25. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the diameter of said fixation element is greater than the diameter of the lumen of the ureter.
26. (Currently Amended) A medical device for use within a body cavity, the medical device comprising:

an elongated body portion defining a lumen, said elongated body portion comprising a proximal end, a distal end, a proximal portion and a distal portion and said elongated body portion including a plurality of pores, said distal portion comprising a planar spiral; and,

at least one retention module attached to said proximal end of said elongated body portion, said retention module comprising at least one ~~buoyant~~, substantially spherical fixation element attached to the proximal end of said elongated body portion by a substantially elastic tether connector, said fixation element being substantially buoyant relative to at least one body fluid.

27. (New) The medical device of claim 1 wherein said fixation element comprises a bead.
28. (New) The medical device of claim 27 wherein said bead is substantially spherical, substantially oval, substantially tear-shaped, or substantially peanut-shaped.
29. (New) The medical device of claim 27 wherein said bead comprises a polymer.
30. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein said fixation element comprises a bead.
31. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein said bead is substantially spherical, substantially oval, substantially tear-shaped, or substantially peanut-shaped.
32. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein said bead comprises a polymer.
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